

REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 2-10 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 and 11-13 were elected in the parent application 09/402,154 following a restriction requirement, and were subsequently allowed. Accordingly, claims 1 and 11-13 are canceled as directed to the species elected in the parent application.

Dependent claims 2-9 are amended to depend from independent claim 10, the only claim nonelected in the parent application, and are not narrowed in scope except insofar as claims 2-9 now depend from claim 10 instead of from canceled claim 1. Claim 10 is amended for nonstatutory reasons, to broaden the claim in conformance with a corresponding amendment in the European application. All other changes to the claims are made merely to remove label numbers and otherwise put the claim language in conformance with U.S. patent practice, and not to address issues of patentability. No new matter is added.

The title is amended to reflect the cancellation of method claims 11-13.

This is a preliminary amendment; no Office action has yet been received. Examination of the application on its merits is now respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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